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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application identified above as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 5, immediately after the phrase "This application is" please insert: - a

continuation of application serial number 09/088,820, which is a continued prosecution application of application serial number 09/088,820, filed June 2, 1998, which is - -

At page 1, line 10, immediately after the phrase "This immediate parent application" please insert:

- - (application serial number 08/173,173)- -

REMARKS

A final office action for the parent application Serial No. 09/088,820 was mailed on January 24, 2000. Accordingly, Applicants have enclosed herewith a three-month extension of time along with a check for \$870.00. Thus the present continuation application is filed herewith

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before the patenting, abandonment or termination of proceedings on application Serial No.
09/088,820.

If resolution of any remaining issue is required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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